

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Advisory Action mailed on December 7, 2007 and further in response to the Office Action mailed on September 19, 2007. The shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on December 19, 2007. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timed filed.

Claims 1-34 were pending in the present application. In the previous Office Action, claims 25-28 were allowed and claims 8-12, 17, 18, 20 and 23 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims.

Thus, in accordance with the indication of allowable subject matter set forth in the Office Action, claims 8-12, 17, 18, 20 and 23 were rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims in the Amendment filed on November 19, 2007. Further, dependent claims 13-15, 19 and 24 were amended dependent from the above claims containing allowable subject matter. In this manner, only claims 8-15, 17-20 and 23-28 containing allowable subject matter remained in the present application.

In response to the filing of the Amendment dated November 19, 2007, an Advisory Action was issued refusing to enter the Amendment asserting that claims 9 and 18 as amended now raised § 112 issues with respect to certain terms lacking an antecedent basis. Particularly, the Advisory Action describes that the terms “the program” and “each spot” found in claims 11 and 19 lack antecedent basis. While the Advisory Action subsequently refers to claims 11 and 19, it is assumed by applicants that the objections were directed to claims 9 and 18. Applicants note that the terminology objected to in the Advisory Action (“the program” and “each spot”) has been present in claims 9 and 18 since the present application’s original filing and such terminology was not introduced by the November 19, 2007 Amendment. Thus, it is submitted that the November 19, 2007 Amendment should have been entered.

Notwithstanding such, in order to facilitate expeditious examination of the present application, applicants hereby repeat above the same amendments to the claims that were

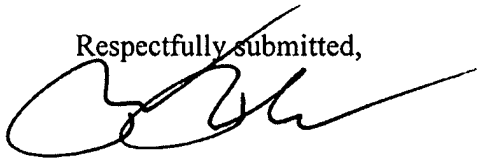
submitted on November 19, 2007. Further, applicants have amended claims 9 and 18 in order to address the § 112 issues raised in the Advisory Action. Applicants have also taken this opportunity to further amend claims 14, 20 and 24 solely for the purpose of clarifying the meaning of these claims and to ensure that no further § 112 issues exist with respect to the pending claims.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8-15, 17-20 and 23-28 are now in proper condition for allowance. Applicants note that the remaining claims 1-7, 16, 21, 22 and 29-34 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer so that only claims that have been allowed or indicated as containing allowable subject matter remain pending in the present application.

Applicant believes that this case is now in good condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If a telephone or further personal conference would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned, who will cooperate in any appropriate manner to advance prosecution.

The Commissioner is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to **Deposit Account Number 50-2638**. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. Please ensure that Attorney Docket Number 092807-011000 is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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